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PALM BEACH COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

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GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW WELLINGTON BRANCH LIBRARY

The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Wellington Branch Library was held on Monday April 15, at 9:30 a.m. The new library will be located on Forest Hill Boulevard at the corner of Royal Fern Drive, approximately two miles west of State Road 7 (441).

Speakers at the ceremony included County Commissioners Ken Foster, Carol Roberts, and Maude Ford Lee; new Wellington Mayor Kathy Foster, and Library Advisory Board Chair Mimi Levinson.

The new library will be 8,000 sq. ft. and is designed to be expanded to 16,000 sq. ft. in the future. It features an open, contemporary design with large, open space to allow maximum flexibility in the use of the interior space, and a plaza at the entrance that will serve as an inviting element and gathering place.

The new Wellington Branch Library is scheduled to open in the Spring of 1997.

WEST PALM BEACH

Jose Aponte, Library Director, will leave his position in June to return to California, where he will run the Oceanside library system. During his year's stay in West Palm Beach, he raised over \$193,000 for the library, repaired and refurbished the building and expanded library hours. Mr. Aponte, an avid runner, recently completed the Boston Marathon, raising about \$1,000 from sponsors for new library books.

Barbara Storch, formerly Head of Technical Services, has been appointed Extension and Technical Services manager for the City of West Palm Beach Public Library. Her new responsibilities will include planning and implementing the Bookmobile service scheduled to begin in August and managing the Circulation Division.

Marsha Warfield, formerly Head of Reference, has been appointed Public Services manager for the City of West Palm Beach Public Library. In addition to managing the Reference and Adult Services Division, she will now manage the Youth Services Division.

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NEXT PBCLA MEETING
Thurs., June 20, 4 PM
V.A. Hospital Library
Military Tr., West Palm Beach

BookFest!

BOOKFEST CELEBRATES SIXTH YEAR

More than 12,000 bibliophiles of all ages joined authors, booksellers, Friends' groups, community sponsors, and multicultural storytellers at the sixth annual BookFest, held March 22-24 at the South Florida Fairgrounds in suburban West Palm Beach.

A grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation helped fund an African-American fiction panel, chaired by George Davis. His novel *Coming Home*, the first major novel about the Vietnam War, later became a classic movie. His newest book, *Soul Vibrations*, offers astrology from an African-American point of view.

Panelists included Tananarive Due, whose book *The Between* is a Miami family story with occult overtones, and A. J. Verdelle, one of five nominees for the PEN/Faulkner award for the best American fiction of the year for her novel *The Good Negress*. The fourth panel member was Dori Sanders, keynote speaker at the 1993 FPLA conference. After two novels, *Clover* and *Her Own Place*, Ms. Sanders wrote a cookbook, *Dori Sanders' Country Cooking*, based on family traditions and the recipe swap bulletin board at her farm stand in South Carolina. BookFest attendees gobbled up ten sweet potato pound cakes made from her recipe.

Municipal libraries provided BookFest leadership this year as Boynton Beach City Library Director Virginia K. Farace chaired the Steering Committee. The committee also included Boynton volunteers Bobbie Oppenheimer, Shelley Hill, Norm Bleshman, and Jackie Pearlman; Angelica Carpenter and Mary Helen Sakellarios from the Palm Springs Library; Judy Reed, Lake Worth Library Director; and Lake Park Director Joy White. BookFest 96 was dedicated to the memory of Jean Shirley.

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